

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 1200 - SB 1384**

April 4, 2003

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires that persons employed as vocational education teachers have some practical experience in the area in which they are instructing. The level and amount of experience such instructor has in his/her area of instruction shall be considered for salary ratings and salary schedules of vocational education teachers and shall be the principal factor in the selection of instructors.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - Exceeds \$100,000**

Assumes that most systems already require vocational instructors to have work experience and differentiates pay based on level of work experience; therefore, the provisions of this bill could be met by continuing current practice. However, if LEAs are required to pay vocational instructors for all previous work experience, the cost to state and local governments is estimated to be significant. By raising the salaries of the state's 2,272.5 vocational instructors by one additional year of work experience (average \$275 increase per year, based on state salary schedule) state expenditures would increase \$468,703 and local government expenditures would increase \$156,235.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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